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Art Unit
2828**RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT****MAIL STOP: AMENDMENT**

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Dear Sir:

In the Office Action mailed June 23, 2005 (the "Office Action"), the Examiner set forth an Election of Species Requirement that identified what the Examiner has characterized as three (3) patentably distinct species of the claimed invention. In particular, the Examiner suggested in the Office Action that the present application contains claims directed to the following species:

I: Devices with heat conducting layers, no isolation layers (Claims 32-40, 61-63);

II: Devices with heat conducting layers and isolation layers (Claims 41-60, 64-65); and

III: Devices with no heat conduction layers (Claims 66-71).

In response to the Election of Species Requirement set forth in the Office Action, Applicant hereby elects Species III (devices with no heat conduction layers) for examination, without traverse. Claims 66-71 are

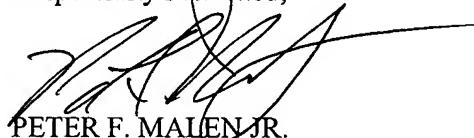
readable on Species III, and claim 66 is believed to be generic inasmuch as claim 66 recites neither heat conduction layers nor isolation layers.

Applicant's election herein is made without prejudice. As noted by the Examiner, upon the allowance of a generic claim, Applicants will be entitled to consideration of claims to additional species that are written in dependent form or otherwise include all the limitations of an allowed generic claim as provided by 37 C.F.R. § 1.141.

An action on the merits of all the claims and a Notice of Allowance thereof are respectfully requested. In the event that the Examiner wishes to discuss any of the matters contemplated hereby, the Examiner is invited to initiate a telephone conversation with the undersigned.

DATED this 8th day of July, 2005.

Respectfully submitted,



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